

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a *final* Office action dated May 28, 2009. Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 13, 15, 31, and 47-58 were examined. Of those, claims 3-4, 6-8, 13, 15, and 47-56 were *allowed*. Remaining claims 31 and 57-58 were rejected. In an effort to expedite grant, rejected claims are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein.

Courtesy Notice re Separate Petition to Correct Inventorship

Based on review of the language of the allowed claims, it appears that additional inventors should be named in the present application. To this end, a petition in accord with requirements of rule 48 is being filed under separate cover.

To facilitate the Examiner's post-final action handling of the present matter, the undersigned includes this *Courtesy Notice* with the present reply. Nonetheless, for avoidance of doubt, the present reply is itself fully responsive to the outstanding final action and places the present matter in condition for allowance.

Summary

In summary, claims 3, 4, 6-8, 13, 15, 31, and 47-58 are in the case. Claims 31 and 57-58 have been cancelled and all remaining claims have been allowed. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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